As regards the question of a police out-post, the Commissioner of Police is not in favour of the multiplication of police outposts, especially as any increase in number means that the supervision will fall, as he will have to put constables in charge. The Commissioner of Police thinks, and the Government agree with him, that the number of out-posts cannot be indiscriminately increased.

The revision of the Todupuzha constituency will have to wait until a change in the electorate comes up.

MEMBER : I suggested three alternatives.

DEWAN : I know that. Todupuzha should be taken up with some unnamed taluk, or that it should be taken up along with some unnamed minority community or that it should stand by itself at the expense of some other constituency.

The location of the Sub-Registrar's office in the Satrom is a temporary arrangement. As soon as adequate arrangements can be made to secure accommodation elsewhere this arrangement will be stopped. I shall ask the Director of Registration to find accommodation elsewhere. And then this will be shifted.

131. Needs of the Kunnathunad taluk.

MR. V. R. GOPALA PILLAI (*Member, Kunnathunad taluk, Group I*) spoke on the following needs of the Kunnathunad taluk:—

(1) A building should be constructed for the Munsiff's court and the First Class Magistrate's court at Perumpavur.

(2) A bridge should be constructed over the Pulinada canal at Kodanad.

(3) A road should be opened from Karukutti-Ezhattumukham *via* Cheeri, Cheerankode etc.

(4) The M. C. Road should be metalled from the 143rd mile to the *Vallakadavu*.

(5) The Valampur-Mannuparampu village road should be converted into a cart road.

(6) The Ayerapuram-Pulluvazhi village road should also be converted into a cart road.

(7) The First Class Magistrate's court at Perumpavur should not be shifted to Alwaye.

(8) The Perumpavur dispensary should be converted into a District Hospital.

(9) The dispensary sanctioned for Kodanad should be opened inmediately.

(10) The Lower Grade English School at Perumpavur should be raised into a High School.

(11) A departmental Anchal office should be opened at Karukutti.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Gopala Pillai, a new building for the Munsiff's court is being estimated for and the only difficulty in proceeding with the work is to find a suitable location. The Chief Engineer will choose the site after local inspection.

In regard to the construction of a bridge over Pulinada canal at Kodanad the end is being improved and a causeway is being taken up.

In regard to the opening of a road from Karukutty to Ezhattumukam *via* Cheeri, Cheerankode, etc. it has to be investigated.

As regards the metalling of the M. C. road from the 143rd mile to Vallom landing the Chief Engineer thinks that it is not necessary at present.

In regard to the First Class Magistrate's court, I am afraid that in this matter Perumpavur stands by itself against the whole weight of official opinion. The matter has been very carefully considered by the district officers and by the High Court and the conclusion that the Government are inclined to arrive at is the same as that come to by the district officers and by the High Court and that is Alwaye is a more important and more rapidly growing place than Perumpavur and the location of the First Class Magistrate's court at Alwaye will be more useful. After all, the distance bteween

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Perumpavur and Alwaye is not so great and there is regular bus service between the two towns. The communications leading up to Perumpavur are the same and people have to travel only for a quarter to half an hour further on.

The Stationary Magistrate at Alwaye is over-burdened with a heavy file. After his transfer to Perumpavur the Government will give him a file which will be possible for him to dispose of and the magisterial file in the immediate neighbourhood of Alwaye will fall to another officer. The arrangement has not yet been given effect to. As I remarked the whole weight of considered opinion is for the transfer of the First Class Magistrate's court from Perumpavur to Alwaye. This was considered systematically and carefully time and again.

The Administrative Board, Medical Services, is still of opinion that the statistics of the institution do not justify the conversion of the Perumpavur dispensary into a hospital. It is only the other day that the institution was shifted to a two-storeyed building which provides more accommodation to patients.

The Kodanad dispensary is to be opened almost immediately.

The strength does not justify the raising of the Perumpavur Middle School to a High School. After all, Perumpavur is only a very small town.

I shall ask the Anchal Superintendent to take up at once the question of converting the Karukutti Anchal office into a departmental office.

The Assembly adjourned for lunch at 2 P. M. and re-assembled at 3 P. M.

132. Needs of the Kunnathunad taluk.

MR. PAILI KORA TARAKAN (*Member, Kunnathunad taluk, Group II*) dealt with the following needs of the Kunnathunad taluk:—

(1) The Kizhillam-Kurichilakod road should be converted into a cart road. This was a very old village road. For converting it into a cart road, Government had not to incur much expenditure. If the whole road could not be made cartable immediately, it would be enough if the road was made cartable from Kizhillam to Kuruppumpadi.

(2) A new cart road should be opened from the Kuttikal trace, 1st mile, to Marottikadavu near the Perumtottam Bungalow at Periyar. This road would pass through the Vengur pakuthi, one of the richest and most densely populated pakuthies of the taluk, and it would open up many areas fit for cultivation, which were now lying waste being inaccessible by roads.

(3) Another new cart road should be opened from Kumarapuram market to Palarivattam. Palarivattam was a place two miles due east of Ernakulam, which the Cochin Government had connected with Ernakulam by a road. If a new road was opened from Kumarapuram market to Palarivattam the people in the heart of the Kunnathunad taluk would get an easy access to Ernakulam. This road would be only about 6 miles in length.

(4) Government should take over for maintenance the road from Thiruvaniyur to Kurinji, which the people of these places had constructed as a cartable road.

(5) The Vittur-Valampur road should be made cartable. Provision was made for this work in the Budget of 1103; but the work had not been put in hand yet. It had to be expedited.

(6) The people of Perumpavur suffered to a great extent from scarcity of water in the hot season. Government had ordered the sinking of two wells at the place in the current year. But that was not enough. At least four or five more wells were necessary as well as two tanks. In the alternative, it was enough if a canal was opened from the Periyar to the place called Palakkattutazham.

(7) The District Court at Parur should be shifted to Perumpavur. The jurisdiction of this court extended to Devicolam, Todupuzha etc. People from all these distant places had now to go to Parur in the north-western corner of the State. But Perumpavur was situated somewhere at the centre of the area over which the court had jurisdiction. It would therefore be more convenient to people if the court was located at Perumpavur. One of the chief objections to this proposal was that a new building had been constructed at Parur for the District Court. But many

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